

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT				1. CONTRACT ID CODE		PAGE 1	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 04		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 07/06/2007		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. BG 070023		5A. TITLE: BG070023	
5B. PROJECT NO.							
6. ISSUED BY		CODE		9901		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6)	
AOC - Procurement Division 2nd & D Streets, SW Room H2-263 WASHINGTON, DC 20515						AOC - Procurement Division 2nd & D Streets, SW ATTN: Shola Matthews-Aroloye Room H2-263 WASHINGTON, DC 20515	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, country, state and ZIP Code)						(X)	
						9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. RFP070076	
						X	
						9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 05/25/2007	
						10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
						10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)	
CODE		FACILITY CODE					
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended,							
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing items 7 and 14, and returning <u>02</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment your desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.							
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required) SEE LINE ITEMS							
13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.							
CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.						
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).						
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:						
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)						
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.							
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) AMENDMENT 04 IS BEING ISSUED TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO CONTRACTORS' QUESTIONS. PROPOSAL DUE DATE IS JULY 16, 2007.							
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.							
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)				16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Shola Matthews			
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED	
(Signature of person authorized to sign)				BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)			
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RFP070076

**RFP No. 070076, Amendment No. 04; Procurement of Mowing and Snow Removal
Services for the U. S. Botanic Garden under the Jurisdiction of the
Architect of the Capitol, Washington D. C.**

Contractors' Questions & Government's Answers

DC Village Complex

Question No. 01: Item 7 of SOW: Please define mulching procedure.

Answer: Two inch mulch on trees in front of head house only.

Question No. 02 : Item 5 of SOW: Trash removal along the Perimeter Fence. Does this include trash
dumped along fence line or only reasonable amounts of trash?

Answer: All trash.

Question No. 03: Item 8 of SOW: Please define Herbicides. Meaning selective or non selective applications. Also what is the desired result of theses applications?

Answer: Non selective, weed free conditions.

U.S. Botanic Gardens Conservatory

Question No. 04: Item 3 of SOW: Application of chemicals. Will it be acceptable to apply these at night? This will help us ensure that the public does not come in direct contact with and chemicals.

Answer: Yes

Question No. 05: Item 4 of SOW: Please define mowing height or will this be agreed upon during mowing service?

Answer: Three and four inches in summer.

Question No. 06: Please define what the AOC feels is acceptable standards for this. Meaning rate of lime, seed per 1,000 and desired top dressing rate per 1,000Sq. Ft..

Answer: Pending soil sample rate for lime. USBG will provide the soil sample analysis. Seed is 10 lb per 1,000 Sq. Ft.; top dressing with compost.

Question No. 07: Please define “as necessary” this term can be defined by many people in different ways. Contractor is recommended that a unit price be established per 1,000 sq.ft. to allow the COTR and the contract to determine the areas to be addressed.

Answer: Aerate lawn twice per year. The unit price has already been set. Please refer to the Schedule of Pricing for Items No. 1 through 30 in Section B of the Solicitation Package.

U.S. Botanic Gardens Bartholdi Park

Question No. 08: Application of chemicals. Will it be acceptable to apply these at night? This will help us ensure that the public does not come in direct contact with and chemicals

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 09: Please define mowing height or will this be agreed upon during mowing service?

Answer: Three to four inches.

Question No. 10: Please define what the AOC feels is acceptable standards for this. Meaning rate of lime, seed per 1,000 Sq. Ft. and desired top dressing rate per 1,000 Sq. Ft.

Answer: See the answer to Question No. 6 above.

Question No. 11: Please define “as necessary” this term can be defined by many people in different ways. TruGreen would recommend that a unit price be established per 1,000 sq.ft. to allow the COTR and the contract to determine the areas to be addressed.

Answer: See the answer to Question No. 7 above . The unit price has already been set. Please refer to the Schedule of pricing in Section B of the Solicitation Package.

U.S. Botanic Gardens National Garden

Question No. 12: Item 2: Application of chemicals. Will it be acceptable to apply these at night? This will help us ensure that the public does not come in direct contact with and chemicals

Answer: Yes.

Question No. 13: Item 4: Please define what the AOC feels is acceptable standards for this. Meaning rate of lime, seed per 1,000 Sq. Ft. and desired top dressing rate per 1,000 Sq. Ft..

Answer: Same as above answer to No. 6.

Question No. 14: Please define mowing height or will this be agreed upon during mowing service?

Answer: Three to four inches.

General Questions about Snow Removal Services at all locations

Question No. 15: The way the current bid is written it asks for a firm fixed unit price per storm. However, this is a major concerns with this due to the fact it is not specified what the storms are to be based off of. In working with other government agencies when providing Snow removal pricing they tend to ask for it by the hour. Meaning a unit price is provided for each unit that is used. We have attached a reference of unit pricing for you to use as you feel necessary.

Answer: Pricing stands as per plow. There is one pricing for up to 4 inches, and one pricing for 4 inches and above. Please refer to the Schedule of Pricing, Items No. 1 through 30 of the Solicitation.

Question No. 16: How does the AOC plan on evaluating the snow removal portion fairly? Seeing that one contract could bid for a 12 inch snow storm and the other can bid off a 2 inch snow storm.

Answer: Please see above answer to question No. 15.

Question No. 17: Under Section B of the contract the first line refers to snow removal and ice preparation. Based on this statement, is the contract required to remove ice? Also, under the statement of work; there is no reference to ice preparation or removal services. Please define.

Answer: Contractor is required to treat ice. As soon as ice is forming, contractor will be called out by USBG to treat ice as necessary. The Contractor may have to return back more than once. Parking areas and access roads must be ice free by 5 AM. See Items 4 A through H of the SOW.

Question No. 18: During the walk through, it was discussed that the contractor does not need to use a rubber blade on any surface. In fact it was relayed during the walk through that the use of a skid steer with a metal blade is acceptable to be used on all surfaces including the marble/granite surfaces. In addition, it was relayed during the walk through that the contractor would not be liable for tire marks left on paved/marble/granite surfaces. Please confirm?

Answer: This is correct.

Question No. 19: Do any of the facilities require having a no snow policy? Meaning, that they are to be kept free and clear at all time during a snow fall.

Answer: All areas have a no snow policy, especially DC Village. This is the number 1 priority, then the Conservatory, and finally Bartholdi Park.

Question No. 20: What does IDIQ basis, as needed refer to under Descriptions on pricing sheets for snow removal?

Answer: This means that the Contractor is called out as necessary and will bill according to each plow that is performed. The Contractor is not guaranteed a minimum, or maximum number of plows. Only what is required by the client.

Question No. 21: Can a per application price be given for Chemical

Answer: No, Each item is priced as a whole package. The unit price shall include all costs associated with lawn mowing and snow removal services at all locations as indicated in the article "SCOPE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK" in Section C, to include all labor, material and equipment cost and any associated fees. The unit price shall take precedence over the total price.